

[From the Nashville Whig, March 17th.]

### Most Lamentable Occurrence.

Our community was on Saturday last thrown into a state of the most painful excitement, by the sudden and violent death of one of its most worthy members. Of the circumstances which led to this melancholy event, and of the deeply exciting occurrence which followed it, we propose in discharge of our plain duty as a conductor of a public press, to present a brief narrative.

Robert Porterfield, whose untimely death a whole community is now deploring, having learned that E. Z. C. Judson had stated that he had had criminal intercourse with his wife, Porterfield's wife, sought an interview with the latter, on Wednesday last, in the presence of several individuals, to one of whom, it was said, Judson had made the statement. That individual, who was asked, in Judson's presence, if such statement had been made to him by Judson, promptly answered in the affirmative. Judson strenuously denied it; but Porterfield, placing no confidence in his denial, drew a pistol, and would have shot him on the spot, had he not been prevented from doing so by those who were present. On the evening of the day in which this interview took place, the individual at whose office it was held, made known to Mr. John Porterfield, the brother of the deceased, that, prior to the interview, Judson had called upon him and confessed that he had made the statement in question to the individual about to be brought forward as a witness, but that for the purpose of saving his life, which he knew would be taken by the Porterfields, if the fact was proven upon him, he intended to deny ever having said any thing of the kind. Both the Messrs. Porterfields became entirely satisfied that Judson had made the infamous statement charged upon him, and, we are informed upon reliable authority, that there cannot be a doubt of his having made it.

Notwithstanding this, however, the affair might have been dropped here, but for the fact, that on Friday, Judson and Mrs. Porterfield were known to be alone together for a considerable time at the grave yard in the vicinity of town. When this circumstance was revealed to her unfortunate husband, he fell to the floor as if a ball had penetrated his heart. He was of a singularly amiable and confiding disposition, and devotedly attached to his wife. He had, in the depth of his attachment, and in the purity of his own heart, hitherto shut his eyes to certain acts of impropriety on the part of his wife in connection with Judson, which came to his knowledge, and he apparently refused to deduce from them conclusions which readily found their way to the minds of others. But when apprised of the interview at the grave yard his agony of mind was beyond description. He suffered more than a thousand deaths. His nerves were wholly unstrung—he became sick in body as well as in mind—it seemed as if he would be bereft of reason, and apprehensions were entertained lest he might do some act of violence on himself. In the language of one who was with him in his agony, "he looked far worse before death than he did afterwards."

In this frame of body and mind he proposed to his brother, John Porterfield, on Saturday, about half after three o'clock, to take a walk, without any expectation, it is confidently believed, of meeting with Judson. Unfortunately they met near the Sulphur Spring, when a rencontre immediately took place. Three shots were fired at Judson, as we understand, he backing the while, and professing a disinclination to shoot. After the third shot, he fired and shot Robert Porterfield in the forehead, just above the right eye, of which wound the latter died about 11 o'clock that night. The news that Judson had killed Porterfield soon spread like wild-fire. The public mind, wound up to a pitch of deep and maddening excitement, was in a condition to be thrown off its balance. Here was a young man in the prime of manhood, (he was not thirty years of age) the dutiful and affectionate son of a widowed mother—a tender, confiding and devoted husband—most exemplary and highly esteemed in all the relations of life—first stricken to the heart by his wife's dishonor, as was believed, and then shot through the head by the author of the destroyer of his happiness!

A large crowd soon collected in and around the Court House, where Judson, who had been immediately apprehended, was brought before an examining Court. The Court was in the act of preparing an order for his commitment to jail, when J. Porterfield, frantic at his brother's death and injuries, made his appearance in the court-room, and the cry burst forth from the crowd, "make way for John Porterfield—let him kill Judson!" The Sheriff, Lanier, who was in the Clerk's box, where also was Judson, sprang forward

and met Porterfield, who had jumped over the railing behind the bar, about midway between the railing and the box, seized, and with the aid of one of his assistants, held him for some moments—Porterfield struggling violently to release himself from their grasp. This he finally effected by the aid of some friends who overpowered the sheriff, and drawing a revolving pistol, commenced firing at Judson, who started in a run out of the house, Porterfield following in close pursuit and firing at him as often as occasion would permit. down the steps, across from the Court House to the City Hotel, and up the steps of the Hotel. One or two Gentlemen endeavored to aid Judson in escaping to the Hotel, but Porterfield and his friends followed so closely in pursuit that they were compelled to retire, and Judson, in hopes of effecting his escape, jumped or more probably swung himself off from the portico of the third story and fell to the ground, stunned by the fall. Not less than eight or ten shots were fired at him—all, it is said, by Porterfield—but none of which took effect. He was knocked down with a rock between the Court House and Hotel, and only escaped for the moment by jumping from the portico of the third story to the ground, which he effected without breaking or dislocating a limb. Thence he was conveyed by the officers to jail without further molestation or interference on the part of any one.

Here we most sincerely wish we could end our painful narrative. But it is not permitted to us. About ten o'clock that night, a considerable number of persons, among whom, we are informed, were some of our most respectable citizens—still laboring under the intense excitement which the occurrence of the day had produced, proceeded to the jail, and against the remonstrances, and in defiance of the resistance of the Jailor, possessed themselves of the keys, seized Judson and proceeded with him to the Public Square, with the avowed intention of hanging him. This, however, was not done.

The rope, it is said, with which it was attempted to hang him, broke. We suspect it was intentionally cut. Reason had by this time begun to resume its sway, and Judson was finally carried back to the jail and delivered into the hands of the keeper by the same party who had taken him out. His situation, we understand, is somewhat precarious, rendered so by the bruises he received, and possibly some internal injury occasioned by his fall from the portico.

**From Central America**—Dates from Guatemala to the 4th of December, represent that Gen. Carrera continues at the head of the General Government. Hostilities between the States of San Salvador and Honduras are for the present suspended by an armistice, and communications from both sides are now assembled, endeavoring to adjust a peace through the mediation of Guatemala. The opinion is fast gaining ground in Central America, that all the provinces will ere long unite under a national government.

A letter dated Leon, Jan. 6, says that Chilon, at the head of 2,000 men, who had risen in Chinandega, a province of Nicaragua, and only twelve leagues from the city of Leon, were marching on the city, when they were met by the troops of Leon, about 800 strong. An attempt to settle the dispute by negotiation having failed, a battle ensued, in which the insurgents under Chilon were totally routed, and with great loss. A truce was afterwards concluded, which required that each province should recall its troops within its own boundaries. This was ratified and celebrated with much rejoicing.

**ABORTION.**—In Philadelphia, the case of Dr. Montgomery Chambers and Mrs. Mary Moore, charged with procuring an abortion upon one Sarah Lawson, was concluded on the 14th, and after an absence of about two hours, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty as to Dr. Chambers, but not guilty as to Mrs. Moore. The doctor was ordered into custody on the rendition of the verdict, and Mrs. Moore, though discharged of this offence, was held in custody in default of bail for keeping a disorderly house. [N. O. Delta.]

Forests of standing trees have been discovered in Yorkshire, England, and in Ireland, imbedded in stone.

**Taken Up.** ON the 15th February, instant, by John Craft, (living about seven miles north from Kosciusko,) a dark brown Mule, about thirteen hands high, over twelve years old, no marks or brands perceivable. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, or he will be dealt with according to law. LEMUEL BOWERS, Ranger. February 28, 1846

**LIST OF LETTERS** REMAINING in the Post Office at Kosciusko, on the 1st day of April, 1846, which if not taken out before the first day of July next, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, Washington City.

Andrews, Elizabeth R Kyzer John  
Armstrong Stephen P Kelly W J  
Anderson, J W Lowry John W  
Aden, Perry 2 Levy Chapman 2  
Avery, Catharine 2 Laughridge D E  
Allen, Amos T 2 Lybrand D D  
Ashmore, Walker 2 Lettewick James H  
Allen, John B 2 Maxwell A E  
Boyd G D Malet Nancy  
Butts, James E McGuff Samuel  
Bustamante M Mouring Jackson  
Bosworth, John McDaniel II  
Brown, Walter L Murphy Lewen 2  
Boswell, John F McFatter Sinai  
Bain, Murdoch Martin James L  
Bell, Van S McLoughlin Tho's  
Brunwig, Samuel Mabry Seth W  
Burroughs Josiah Mabry Alexander  
Beall, John McGaffey Mary A 2  
Barfield R C McDuffa  
Brown, John A Nash William  
Booker, William Narmark 2  
Coleman, Robert I Owens Joseph  
Coughman, Alex. J Pope George Jr  
Carter, Robert Perry R C  
Campbell, A H Perkins J R  
Coleman, William Port Menter  
Coward, William Prewitt James  
Chapler, John Peier Anthony  
Campbell, Mary A Prestridge Wm  
Crawford, John Pennington Isaac I  
Crowder Hosea Preston Wm P  
Culpepper Mary Qua s Penn 2  
Cade, Jesse Quas Hubbard 2  
Claiborne William Russe E P  
Che-nutt Thomas Roberson Edward  
Cottrell William Rany John  
Chesnut B W Russe J T  
Cade Robert Rany John W 2  
Conn James C Seawright Andy  
Coleman John Sanders Wm  
Campbell A H Strick and Berry  
Coughman Alex A C Suavin John B  
Coleman Remben Stingley G  
Cade David Stingley B  
Craft William Sweet Nathan  
Craft John Sheriff 3  
Culpepper B F Sneed Joshua  
Carter Alexander Smith Joseph P  
Dickinson Wiley P Strother Thomas  
Davis John T Simmons Joseph  
Driskill Jonathan Scarborough J R  
Davis William Stewart John J  
Dunn Robert H Steen William  
Dunn Wm A Sides Carvin  
England Charles C Simmons John T  
Ellington James B Simmons John 2  
England Powell Sweet James  
Enloe Henry Shuler Harriet M  
Ellington Washington Suggers Hugh  
Flack R K Strickland Benj 2  
Fletcher Enos Shuler J  
Griffith Lemuel 2 Stephens James  
Gibbs Riley Sanders Rebecca  
Guyton R J Sparks David  
Garrett Mary L Simpson Thomas M  
Gorden James H Tubbs Samuel  
Gaver W B Teat Henry  
Garlington C Taylor Jesse  
Hirman Jacob Teat William  
Holmes Cyrus Thompson John M 3  
Hodge James M Temple Joseph  
Harriman Sarah Taylor John W  
Harris T D Vick Benjamin  
Hudspeth Dr Waddle James  
Herrington J W Wyse Joseph 2  
Haden James Westbrook Barnebas  
Harris Thomas Wenzel Jonathan  
Hendrix Benj Weatherby A H  
Horton Charles C Wade Henry  
Herrin Thomas White James  
Harlow G W Watkins Benj M  
Harmon J Jr Weatherby H C H  
Johnson John Watts Jacob  
Jones Elisha Ward Samuel G  
Irvin E C Wallace Jayina  
Irish Katharine Wilson Isham  
Jones Travis Wilking John C  
Johnson William White John  
Jones Daniel P Weis Isaac  
Kelly James Wheelas John J  
Kenon Lemuel S Wheelas William  
King Samuel Watson Charles  
Kendrick B D R Wood J B  
Kelly Elizabeth L Zollicoffer Frederick  
Kendrick James M

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say "advertised," or they may not be delivered.

S. H. CLARK, P. M.  
Kosciusko, Mi., April 2, 1846 14:3w

### Executor's Notice.

THE undersigned having been qualified, at the February term, 1846, of the Probate Court of Attala county, Mississippi, as Executor of the Estate of Wm. H. Terry, deceased, late of said county, therefore,

All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those holding claims against the same are hereby notified to present them, duly authenticated, within the time prescribed by law, or they will be forever barred.

JOSEPH TERRY,  
Executor of William H. Terry, deceased.  
February 7, 1846 6:6w

### LAND FOR SALE.

THE following described tracts or parcels of land, lying in the county of Attala, are offered for sale, on accommodating terms. Titles good. For particulars, enquire of the subscriber, who is authorized to sell.

North-west qr. of n. w. qr. 28 13 6  
North-east quarter 31 13 7  
South-west quarter 15 16 9  
North-east quarter 21 16 9  
North-west quarter 22 16 9  
South half & north-east qr. 23 16 9  
G. W. HARLOW, Agent.  
Kosciusko, January, 1846 11f

### HORSE FOR SALE.

HAVING one horse more than he can find corn to feed, the subscriber will dispose of either a horse or mare, (to suit the purchaser,) on accommodating terms. Feb. 14 G. W. HARLOW.

### Storage! Storage!

THE subscriber respectfully informs the Merchants and Planters of Mississippi that he has built a large and commodious **Wharf Boat**, and is prepared to receive and forward all kinds of merchandise entrusted to his care.

The public must be aware that it often happens for boats to arrive at night and discharge freight, principal y when bound up, and goods are in many instances damaged by being left in the rain or mud for hours before merchants can get drays to take them away. This difficulty is entirely removed with the subscriber, who receives the goods on his Boat from the Steamboats and keeps them there until called for by the owner. Persons visiting the city are invited to call and judge for themselves.

Charges for receiving and forwarding, ten cents per package only, without any extra charge for drayage or labor.

JAMES CAZAU,  
Yazoo City, March 10, 1846 11:4w

### Advertisement.

JAMES ELDER most respectfully begs to inform gentlemen of the surrounding country that he has commenced business as a **NURSERY SEEDSMAN & FLORIST**, and that any orders addressed to him in that line will meet with prompt attention.

A large order of European trees of the most esteemed varieties, particularly Apples and Pears, Flowering Shrubs, &c. &c. together with Garden Seeds, will be imported this Fall, from the celebrated Nurseries of the Scottish capital—Edinburgh.

Gentlemen wishing any of the above descriptions, by sending in their orders within the space of two months can have them to order at reasonable prices.

Will be ready for delivery in a few days at his Nursery ground, all the esteemed varieties of the *B. assa* family (cabbage) well worth citizens attention.

Mr Elder in his professional character offers his services as a General Planner and Landscape Gardener, after the most esteemed modes now in practice in Scotland and England, to any one requiring his aid; also Grounds surveyed, Garden Plans executed, and Shrubbery and Ornamental Planting laid off, &c. &c.  
Kosciusko, March 21, 1846 12:2m

### POPULATION AND TAXES.

White Population and State Taxes in each county of the State, in 1845.

COUNTIES.	TAXES.	POP.
Adams	\$39 132 13	3 840
Attala	2 732 93	5 433
Amite	6 444 25	3 804
Bolivar	2 726 46	387
Carroll	10 835 09	7 556
Chickasaw	5 767 48	6 423
Choctaw	3 774 35	6 652
Copiah	6 539 66	5 703
Clark	1 687 11	2 987
Covington	1 680 24	2 615
Coahoma	1 497 44	1 109
Clatsborne	16 968 47	3 043
Desoto	11 114 31	7 303
Franklin	3 785 74	2 188
Green	588 79	1 322
Hinds	22 191 07	7 910
Holmes	9 435 03	5 551
Hancock	1 736 56	1 737
Harrison	815 84	1 449
Iowa	3 110 05	9 461
Issaquena	6 630 59	378
Jasper	2 0 9 48	3 131
Jackson	859 11	1 570
Jones	269 32	1 405
Jefferson	10 781 92	2 275
Kemper	4 399 29	5 713
Lauderdale	2 663 27	5 242
Lawrence	2 798 08	3 641
Lafayette	6 319 53	6 061
Lowndes	16 210 33	7 320
Leake	1 743 22	2 476
Madison	20 255 33	4 400
Marshall	15 583 31	10 221
Monroe	10 137 32	6 591
Marion	2 132 86	2 195
Noxubee	12 265 83	5 369
Neshoba	1 541 29	2 167
Newton	2 087 28	2 694
Oktibbeha	5 416 79	3 568
Ponola	8 741 64	4 058
Pike	3 205 10	3 795
Pontotoc	5 620 90	6 823
Perry	670 57	1 508
Rankin	4 732 50	3 621
Scott	1 732 45	1 958
Sunflower (1844-5)	5 692 97	3 330
Simpson	1 400 11	2 839
Smith	1 075 86	2 590
Tippah	7 251 28	11 669
Tishomingo	3 622 13	9 983
Tallahatchie	3 748 14	1 819
Tunica	6 543 67	191
Washington	12 063 00	474
Warren	27 331 03	6 242
Wayne	1 180 89	1 322
Wilkinson	13 584 23	3 503
Winston	4 655 92	4 311
Yazoo	17 245 77	4 706
Yalobusha	8 282 68	7 623
Total	\$413 777 95	241 688

### Administrator's Notice.

LETTERS of Administration having been granted to the undersigned, at the March Term, A. D. 1846, of the Probate Court of Attala County, Mi., on the Estate of Ralph Blackman, deceased, late of said county, therefore

All persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment, and those holding claims against the same are hereby notified to present them, duly authenticated, within the time prescribed by law, or they will be forever barred.

JOHN H. CHESNUTT,  
Administrator of Ralph Blackman, dec'd.  
March 7, 1846 10:6w

### Multoua Springs.

THE undersigned is now prepared to accommodate boarders and visitors to the above celebrated Springs, on reasonable terms. A. E. LOUGHRIDGE.  
Feb. 21, 1846 8:6m

### Meteorological Table

Of the week ending April 2, 1846.

Day of week & month.	External Thermometer.				Direction of wind.
	Max.	Min.	Mean.	Fal. Rain.	
Fri 27	2d 68°	48°	58°	0.1	north-west
Sat 28	3d 48°	72°	56°	0.1	north-west
Su 29	4d 62°	49°	54°		north
Mo 30	5d 69°	44°	55°	0.1	north-east
Tu 31	6d 60°	46°	53°		north-east
We 1	7d 68°	50°	56°		east
Th 2	8d 72°	51°	59°		south-east

### REMARKS.

27th. Light breezes, brilliant day. Night, calm and clear.

28th. Light breezes, brilliant a. m., cloudy p. m. Night, calm and showery. Thunder storm in the distance north-west, at 5 o'clock p. m.

29th. Fresh breezes, brilliant day. Night, calm and clear.

30th. Light breezes, cloudy a. m., brilliant p. m. Night, light airs with rain.

31st. Light breezes, overcast a. m., hazy p. m. Night, calm and hazy.

1st. Light airs, overcast day. Night, calm and cloudy.

2d. Light airs, cloudy day. Night, calm and cloudy.

The Thermometer was highest on the 2d, 72°. Lowest on the 30th, 44°. Range for the week, 50°.

Falls of rain, two-tenths of an inch.

Mean of the Thermometer for the first week of March 50°. Second week 57° 3'.

Third week 55° 4'. Last week 62° 2'.—

Mean of the month 55° 5'.

Falls of rain for said time, one inch and three-tenths of an inch.

The wind blew for 18 days from some point of the west, and 13 days from some point of the east—and rain fell 8 days during the month.

### STRAYS.

**TAKEN UP** by Dan C. Roper, Dec. 4, 1845: a large bay Mare Mule, about 14 hands high, 9 or 10 years old, with a scar on the pattern joint of the right fore foot; no other marks or brands perceivable; appraised at fifty dollars.

BY William Prestridge, January 3, 1846: a mouse colored Horse, about 13 hands high, 12 or 13 years old, with a small snip on the end of his nose, some white on the left hind foot, some kind of brand on the left hip not understood; appraised at twenty dollars.

BY Benjamin S. Tipton, on the 28th of January last, a brown colored Horse Mule, 12 or 13 hands high, supposed to be 7 or 8 years old, no marks or brands perceivable; appraised at fifty dollars.

BY John Jolly on the 31st October last, a clay bank Horse, about fifteen hands high, 9 year old, with black legs, main and tail, left hind foot white, small lump on the right side of the belly, blemish in the left eye, no brands perceivable; appraised at twenty dollars.

BY L. W. Able on the 26th of August last, a chesnut sorrel Horse, about 13½ hands high, supposed to be 7 or 8 years old, with a white spot in his forehead and some white specks on his body, no brands perceivable; appraised at twenty-eight dollars.

LEMUEL BOWERS Ranger.  
March 5 1845 10:3w

### PROSPECTUS

For publishing in the town of Kosciusko, Attala county, Mi., a weekly newspaper, to be entitled the

### KOSCIUSKO CHRONICLE.

The United States of America is a great country—the State of Mississippi a great State—the county of Attala a great county—and the Town of Kosciusko, no doubt, would be a great Town, was it not for the simple facts that the seat of government has not yet been removed to said town—that Big Back has not yet been cleared out, so that steam-boats can navigate it up to a point opposite said town—that the Jackson Railroad has not yet been extended on, through Canton, to said town—and more particularly, that at this time there is no newspaper published in said town, through which these projects can be laid before this great people. Now, it is a well established fact, beyond the point of contradiction, that we are a great people who live in this great country—State—county—and that we expect great works to be accomplished some time or other, by somebody or other, or somebody else, and that Kosciusko would be a great place if these great improvements were but just completed, thereby bringing it, as it were, within a stone's throw of the East Indies, Australia, China, Siberia, Greenland, Kamtschatka and the North Pole.

Therefore, be it known to all men, women, children and grasshoppers, that the subscriber, in order to facilitate these great undertakings, and prevent their being nipped in the bud, and more particularly to turn an honest penny for himself, proposes to commence the publication of a little newspaper in said town, on Saturday, the third day of January, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty six, to be styled the *Kosciusko Chronicle*, and to continue to publish said paper weekly, until these great objects shall be accomplished, should the Lord be pleased to spare his life so long, and he be willing to continue in the business that on; and if not him, then to have it done by somebody else after him. The subscriber being a strong believer in the doctrines promulgated by the immaculate Harry of the West and the Godlike Daniel of the East, it might be surmised by the knowing ones that the paper will be whiggishly inclined; but be this as it may, he will not at this time contradict it.

TERMS.—Two Dollars per annum in advance. G. W. HARLOW  
Kosciusko, Dec. 30, 1845